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As you may have read in my weekly report, I've been asked to attend a School Board meeting tomorrow night (Tuesday) at 6 pm to provide an update to the Board on the mercury cleanup here at Hood Junior High. This meeting will be open to the public and media. The school has a media contact and he told me today that the media wants to talk to me soon. I told the Board that I will be at the meeting and prepared to give an update and answer questions.

The response is taking longer than expected because, as with most mercury responses, we can't seem to completely clean all spots and we therefore keep getting mercury vapor hits at elevated levels. The school is frustrated as are the parents. We decided today to allow the school to partially reopen tomorrow and that helped the overall sentiment. EPA's role here has increased fairly substantially over last few days due mostly to the fact I don't think the contractor hired by the school is very well versed on how to handle mercury spills.... We have had to direct most activities and push them to be more aggressive in their cleanup methods.

If you have any concerns about me attending the meeting tomorrow night, just let me know. If there is anyone else I should notify, please let me know that too.

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